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THEACTING SECRETARY

S/S:MR. MOFFAT

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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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SUBJECT: US-SAUDI JOINT COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC
COOPERATION

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM SOBER

1. ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL HAS DISCUSSED WITH PARSKY
HIS OUT OF CHANNEL COMMUNICATION TO DR. SOLAIM. PARSKY
SAID HE ASSUMED THAT EMBASSY OFFICER IN RIYADH WOULD GET
THIS MESSAGE FROM SOLAIM AND IT WOULD BE PASSED TO JIDDA.
PARSKY SAID HE HAD SPOKEN TO DCM HORAN BY PHONE AND HAD
STRAIGHTENED OUT MATTER.

2. THE ACTING SECRETARY HAS IN THE MEANTIME REITERATED AND
GIVEN A COPY OF FOLLOWING GUIDELINES, TO WHICH PARSKY
RAISED NO OBJECTION, REGARDING ANY COMMUNICATIONS TO SAG
ORIGINATING FROM TREASURY ON JOINT COMMISSION ACTIVITIES:
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(A) ALL MESSAGES OF SUBSTANCE TO THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT OR ONE OF ITS OFFICIALS MUST BE CLEARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THE NORMAL CLEARANCE POINT IS THE BUREAU OF NEAR

EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS.

(B) ALL SUCH MESSAGES OF SUBSTANCE MUST BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH STATE DEPARTMENT CHANNELS TO OUR EMBASSY IN JIDDA, FOR DELIVERY TO THE APPROPRIATE SAUDI OFFICIALS, EXCEPT IN THOSE CASES WHEN THE DEPT OF STATE HAS SPECIFICALLY AGREED THAT TREASURY CAN SIMULTANEOUSLY SEND THE MESSAGE BY TELEX TO THE SAUDI OFFICIAL CONCERNED.

(C) MESSAGES DEALING WITH PROCEDURAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR FOLLOW-UP MATTERS (E.G., VISA DATA, BIOGRAPHIES OF ADVISERS OR WORKING GROUP MEMBERS AND THEIR TRAVEL PLANS) CAN BE TELEXED DIRECTLY BY THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT TO DR. SOLAIM; HOWEVER, A VERBATIM TEXT MUST BE SENT SIMULTANEOUSLY TO OUR EMBASSY IN JIDDA AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE TEXT CAN BE SENT TO EMBASSY JIDDA EITHER BY COMMERCIAL TELEX OR THROUGH STATE DEPT COMMUNICATION CHANNELS. ANY SUCH MESSAGE SENT TO THE EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO MAKE CLEAR WHETHER THE EMBASSY IS SUPPOSED TO TAKE SOME ACTION.

3. FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH ACTING SECRETARY, I DISCUSSED MATTER FURTHER WITH PARSKY AND TOLD HIM I WOULD INFORM YOU OF OUR DISCUSSION HERE THIS SUBJECT. I AM HOPEFUL THIS PROBLEM BEING PUT TO REST. WE SHALL REMAIN ALERT AND COUNT ON YOU TO LET US KNOW IF THINGS SEEM TO BE GOING OFF TRACK AGAIN. INGERSOLL

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